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EDUCATION

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B.S., 1986 in microbiology

Predoctoral Trainee (1986-1993)

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Ph.D., 1993 in Biochemistry and Biophysics
Research area: chloroplast gene expression (with J.E. Mullet)

National Research Council Postdoctoral Fellowship (1993-1995)

Institution: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Atlanta, GA 30333
Research area: human herpesvirus-6 mRNA expression (with P.E. Pellett)

National Institutes of Health Postdoctoral Fellowship (1995-1997)

Institution: University of Georgia, Athens, GA 30602
Research area: baculovirus gene expression (with L.K. Miller)

Postdoctoral Fellowship (1997-1999)

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Research area: expression of foreign genes in the hen oviduct (with R.D. Ivarie)

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Fourth Annual Penn State Symposium in Plant Physiology Travel Grant (1989)
National Research Council Postdoctoral Fellowship (1993-1995)
U.S. Department of Agriculture Small Business Innovation Research Grant (2000)

PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES

American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), member

RESEARCH INTERESTS

My research interest is the study of gene expression at the molecular level. As a graduate student, my primary research project involved measurement of *in vivo* transcript levels and *in vitro* transcription rates of several barley (*Hordeum vulgare*) chloroplast genes. A conclusion from this study is that transcription of barley chloroplast genes during development of the organelle is a dynamic process, following a cascade pattern rather than the previous notion of "all or nothing" transcription of chloroplast genes.

In my first postdoctoral position, I used a sensitive quantitative-competitive RT-PCR technique to measure transcript levels and determine the kinetics of expression of various human herpesvirus 6 (HHV-6) genes. Conclusions from

this work are that the HHV-6 homolog of the adeno-associated type II *rep* gene is expressed at very low mRNA levels and is spliced in infected Molt-3 cells.

In my second postdoctoral position, I discovered a previously uncharacterized gene, termed *lef-12*, of the baculovirus AcMNPV. The product of this gene is required for optimal expression of viral late and very late genes.

My third postdoctoral position involved producing transgenic chickens by a retroviral-mediated method which expressed a human pharmaceutical protein, human interferon α -2b (hIFN) in hen egg white. This work led to my current position with AviGenics, inc.

SUMMARY OF PRESENT RESEARCH

I am currently studying the expression of hIFN and erythropoietin (EPO) in the hen oviduct. The eventual goal of the project is to produce transgenic chickens which will lay eggs containing microgram to milligram quantities of hIFN and EPO in hen egg white for clinical studies.

TECHNICAL SKILLS

High throughput DNA sequence detection with an Applied Biosystem 7700 Sequence Detector, nucleic acid quantitation with 672 GeneScan analysis software and an Applied Biosystems 373 automated sequencer; cDNA library construction; BAC, cosmid, and lambda cloning; *in vitro* RNA synthesis; subcellular fractionation using percoll density gradients; nucleic acid purification; Northern and Southern blotting; radioactive nucleic acid quantitation with the Betascope 603 Blot Analyzer and Molecular Dynamics PhosphorImager; PCR gene cloning of genomic DNA and cDNA; HPLC analysis of nucleotides; S1 nuclease, primer extension, and RACE mapping of transcript termini; PCR amplification and competitive quantitation of mRNA; FPLC purification of polypeptides; SDS polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis and immunoblotting of polypeptides; protein quantitation by ELISA; phase contrast and interference contrast light microscopy; hen oviduct primary cell culture; chloroplast run-on transcription assay; insect, avian, and mammalian cell culture; production of engineered, replication-deficient avian retroviruses; gene synthesis by overlap PCR; site-directed mutagenesis; immunofluorescence microscopy; hen surgery and suturing.

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ABSTRACTS

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